✓ 20 From Joshua R. Giddings

Private

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My Dear Garrison

18 You will do me the favor to read my last speech I am sure. as I think it the best of my Congressional efforts in that line. I will send you the Corrected edition soon as it appears in pamphlet form. It will not vary from that which appears in the Globe except in some of its verbal features.

It marks the introduction of a new feature in our Congressional debates. as it examines the religious character of our government.

Again its. Connects the subject of religion and politics inseperably. a practice which for many years has been most abhorrent to our anti progressive Clergy. as you are aware

Again I have introduced the term "American infidelity" as the only language in which to characterize the supporters of an institution which is based upon crimes against God and mankind

I am not aware of any such elaboration of the practical working of the self evident truths of our declaration of Independence as that which I have given them. Though in this I claim nothing new or interesting.

Now my dear sir. I do not ask you to approve or to disapprove my positions. I would on no consideration have you alter from them your own views on them points. But what I desire from the anti-slavery press is to call on the Republican press. the religious press to speak out in regard to their views I have uttered. Let them sustain or condemn them.

I for one am of opinion that Slavery can only be put down when the "American Infidelity" shall be crushed out. Crushed out of our Churches. our Social circles our political parties: Crushed out of our land and the world.

Very truly

D. L. Giddings

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